Senate File 2200 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to the composition of the boards of directors
- 2 of school districts by including nonvoting student members.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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- 1 Section 1. Section 274.7, Code 2022, is amended to read as 2 follows:
- 3 274.7 Directors.
- 4 The affairs of each school corporation shall be conducted
- 5 by a board of directors, the members of which in all community
- 6 or independent school districts shall be chosen for a term of
- 7 four years, except for the nonvoting student member appointed
- 8 pursuant to section 279.4A, subsection 1, who shall serve for a
- 9 term of either one or two years.
- 10 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 279.4A Nonvoting student member.
- 11 1. The board of directors of a school district shall appoint
- 12 one nonvoting student member to serve on the board of directors
- 13 for a term of one year if the student is enrolled in grade
- 14 eleven or for a term of two years if the student is enrolled in
- 15 grade ten. The board of directors of a school district shall
- 16 develop an application process for the nonvoting student member
- 17 appointment that requires the consent of the student's parent
- 18 or quardian if the student is a minor. The application process
- 19 shall require that the applicant for the nonvoting student
- 20 member appointment demonstrate all of the following:
- 21 a. Academic excellence.
- 22 b. Participation in extracurricular and community
- 23 activities.
- 24 c. An interest in serving on the board of directors of the
- 25 school district.
- 26 d. If the student is a minor, that the student's parent
- 27 or quardian will supervise the student while the student is
- 28 engaged in authorized board of directors business, unless the
- 29 student's parent or guardian submits to the board of directors
- 30 of the school district a signed release indicating the parent
- 31 or guardian has determined that supervision of the student by
- 32 the parent or quardian is unnecessary.
- 33 2. Students enrolled in a school district in either grade
- 34 ten or eleven may apply to the board of directors of the school
- 35 district to serve as the nonvoting student member.

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- 1 3. A vacancy in the membership of the nonvoting student
- 2 member shall not be filled until the expiration of the
- 3 nonvoting student member's term.
- 4 4. The board of directors of a school district shall notify
- 5 the parents or guardians of the nonvoting student member if the
- 6 nonvoting student member's grade point average falls during the
- 7 period in which the nonvoting student member is a member of
- 8 board of directors of the school district.
- 9 5. The nonvoting student member shall have been enrolled in
- 10 the school district for at least one year prior to the student
- 11 member's appointment.
- 12 EXPLANATION
- The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 15 This bill relates to the composition of the boards of
- 16 directors of school districts by including nonvoting student
- 17 members.
- 18 The bill requires the board of directors of a school district
- 19 to appoint one nonvoting student member to serve on the board
- 20 of directors for a term of one year if the student is enrolled
- 21 in grade 11 or for a term of two years if the student is
- 22 enrolled in grade 10. The bill also requires the board of
- 23 directors to develop an application process for the nonvoting
- 24 student member appointment.
- 25 The bill describes what the applicant for the nonvoting
- 26 student member appointment must demonstrate.
- 27 The bill authorizes students enrolled in a school district
- 28 in grade 10 or 11 to apply to the board of directors of the
- 29 school district to serve as the nonvoting student member.
- 30 The bill provides that a vacancy in the membership of
- 31 the nonvoting student member shall not be filled until the
- 32 expiration of the nonvoting student member's term.
- The bill requires the board of directors of a school district
- 34 to notify the parents or guardians of the nonvoting student
- 35 member if the nonvoting student member's grade point average

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- 1 falls during the period in which the nonvoting student member
- 2 is a member of the board of directors.
- 3 The bill requires the nonvoting student member to have been
- 4 enrolled in the school district for at least one year prior to
- 5 the student member's appointment.
- 6 The bill makes conforming changes to Code section 274.7 (the
- 7 board of directors of school districts).

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